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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-505-A)

In re Application of: Jeffrey S. Hastings et al.)
Serial No.: 09/976,686) Group Art Unit: 2113
Filed: October 11, 2001) Examiner: Christopher S. McCarthy
For: Fail Safe Recovery)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed May 27, June 3, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. The Applicants submit this response in the format of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (2004). Also included with this response is a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the due date for the present response from September 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004.